The other programmes implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) to provide self employment, while the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) aims at providing additional wage employment in rural areas there by providing food security and improved nutrition, and creation of durable community assets and infrastructure. The SGRY is being subsumed under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) aims at development of rural sanitation infrastructure and their use. Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and National Programme for Comprehensive Land Resource Management (NPCLRM) are implemented for area development.

The Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA) Scheme was implemented on a pilot basis in seven targeted areas in States to provide physical and social infrastructure in the identified rural clusters to further their growth potentials.

(c) the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) has been implemented in 330 districts of the country and would be extended to the remaining districts *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2008. The objective is to ensure that local employment is provided to every willing rural household for at least 100 days of unskilled manual works in a financial year and in the process it would result in building durable assets, strengthening of livelihood resource base of rural population. During 2006-07, 90.51 crore persondays and during 2007-08 (upto February, 2008) 111.38 crore persondays of employment were generated. It is expected that with the implementation of NREGA in all the districts, the migration of workers from villages to towns would reduce.

Non-payment of compensation for acquired land in Jammu by BSF

*200. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF has acquired cultivated land at Bedipur village in R.S. Pura sector, Jammu district, for more than ten years and no compensation yet has been paid to farmers; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not paying the compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The BSF has proposed acquisition of land measuring 16 kanals in Bichipur Jattan village of R.S. Pura Tehsil of Jammu District. The land acquisition proceedings are underway. It will be ensured that they are completed expeditiously and the due compensation paid to the farmers.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Agricultural land converted into SEZ in Maharashtra

1242. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of agriculture land that has been converted into SEZ in Maharashtra;

(b) how much of it has been given to Reliance Industries Limited;

(c) whether it is a fact that farmers in the Maha Mumbai SEZ have accused RIL for indulging in fraudulent land transaction where even the farmers are unaware of their land being sold; and

(d) whether any investigation has been conducted to ascertain the factual position in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) Land/land usage is a State subject and each State acquires land for various purposes as per their policy. There are no special provisions for acquisition of land for Special Economic Zones (SEZs). The State Governments have been advised that the Board of Approval will not consider any proposal for SEZ in case the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory land acquisition for SEZs after 5th April, 2007. In so far as Maharashtra is concerned, 88 formal approvals have been granted which extend over approximately 11000 hectares. As regards rehabilitation and compensation issues, the Ministry of Rural Development has come out with a revised National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy 2007 *inter-alia*, providing for financial assistance, employment for displaced persons, rehabilitation grants, subsistence allowances, etc., which was notified on 31st October, 2007.

Machinery to study bonafides of SEZ applicants

1243. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any machinery to study the bonafides of any applicant who wants a Special Economic Zone for himself;

(b) if so, the details of the research wing or the organization, which makes efforts to judge any applicant for a SEZ.

(c) how many malafide applicants were detected and weeded out by the SEZ Board last year;

(d) whether penal action has been initiated against such malafide applicants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (e) All proposals for setting up of SEZs are consider by 19 member Inter-ministerial SEZ Board of Approval constituted under SEZ Act, 2005. The proposals are considers on the basis of information provided by the applicant(s) in the prescribed format (Form A). Board of Approval consists of representative from various Ministries/Departments, including those of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance. The respective Members of the Ministries/Departments duly give their inputs during the deliberations of the Board of Approval. Besides, BOA does not consider any proposal unless recommended by the State Government concerned. The SEZ Act, 2005 confers power on the Board of Approval for suspension of approval in case the developer is unable to fully or efficiently discharge the duties and obligations imposed on him by the letter of approval and the circumstances exist which render it necessary for it in public interest so to do.